

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Gertrude McConahay.

Whereas, Gertrude Mary "Gert" McConahay passed away March 26, 2001, at the age of 74;

Whereas, Gert, who was born on September 22, 1926, was a life-long resident of Indianapolis;

Whereas, Gert and her late husband, Francis, were the parents of two sons, Michael and Mark;

Whereas, Gert's interest in government eventually led her to the Statehouse;

Whereas, Gert's first job at the Statehouse was as an employee of the Senate;

Whereas, In 1976, she began working for the Legislative Services Agency, the beginning of a long and happy association that ended in 1988 when she went to work in the office of Governor-elect Evan Bayh;

Whereas, To Gert, the people she worked with were like members of her family; she looked upon them as her children and was always there with a helping hand or a gentle word of advice;

Whereas, Gert McConahay's life had always been filled with friendship and love;

Whereas, Gert was a caring, compassionate person who was always ready to help a friend;

Whereas, To Gert, family extended beyond her relatives;

Whereas, When Gert cared about someone or something, she was totally dedicated;

Whereas, Gert cared about the less fortunate in her community, often volunteering her time to projects designed to improve their lives;

Whereas, Gert was an active member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, working there one day a week after her retirement;

Whereas, Gertrude McConahay was extremely proud of her Irish ancestry;

Whereas, On March 17, Gert and her friends could always be found at the Knights of Columbus listening to Irish ballads and eating corned beef and cabbage; as the years wore on, she gave up the green beer, however; and

Whereas, Like the old Irish saying goes: "If we have a flower for every time we will think of you, we will walk through the garden forever": Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to convey its deepest sympathies to the family of Gert McConahay and to let them know that she will be greatly missed by everyone.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Gertrude McConahay, her sons Mark and Michael, her brother William Jack Mahoney, and her four grandchildren.